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To designate a site for the relocation of the public facility of the National Museum of Health and Medicine, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 5 (legislative day, MAY 2), 1994

Mr. HATFIELD (for himself, Mr. NUNN, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. HARKIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

5 (1) the United States faces critical health care
6 problems, solutions for which will arise from an at-
7 tentive and educated citizenry;

8 (2) there is a great need for an increased em-
9 phasis to be placed on public health education and

1 the development of scientific literacy concerning
2 health care issues;

3 (3) when the National Museum of Health and
4 Medicine, formerly the Army Medical Museum, was
5 located on the Mall in Washington, District of Co-
6 lumbia, from 1888 to 1968, it was one of the most
7 popular and well-visited museums in the Nation's
8 Capital;

9 (4) with the removal of the museum from the
10 Mall to the grounds of the Walter Reed Army Medi-
11 cal Center in 1968, there was no longer a national
12 education facility devoted to this purpose located
13 within the District of Columbia within easy access to
14 the up to 25,000,000 individuals who visit the Mall
15 each year; and

16 (5) the American taxpayer, through the United
17 States Government, pays approximately 30 percent
18 of the costs of all health care services, services which
19 could be reduced with the advent of better educated,
20 informed Americans.

21 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to des-
22 ignate a site for the relocation of the public facility of the
23 National Museum of Health and Medicine so that it may
24 serve as a central resource of instruction about and in-

1 volvement in the critical health issues which confront all
2 American citizens.

3 **SEC. 2. SITE OF FACILITY.**

4 The public facility of the National Museum of Health
5 and Medicine shall be located on the following adjacent
6 areas of land owned by the Federal Government in the
7 District of Columbia:

8 (1) The east plaza of the Hubert Humphrey
9 Building, presently occupied by the Department of
10 Health and Human Services.

11 (2) The entire portion of 2nd Street, S.W., that
12 is located between C and Washington Streets, S.W.

13 (3) A triangular park, known as Square N-580,
14 that lies immediately to the east of 2nd Street, S.W.

15 **SEC. 3. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZA-**
16 **TION.**

17 In accordance with procedures of the District of Co-
18 lumbia, the General Services Administration is authorized
19 to apply for the closing and transfer of jurisdiction over
20 the entire portion of 2nd Street, S.W., the District of Co-
21 lumbia located between C and Washington Streets, S.W.,
22 and the transfer of jurisdiction of Square N-580, from
23 the District of Columbia to the General Services Adminis-
24 tration for the purpose of locating the National Museum
25 of Health and Medicine.

1 **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

2 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as limiting the
3 authority or responsibilities of the National Capital Plan-
4 ning Commission or the Commission of Fine Arts.

5 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION.**

6 As used in this Act, the term “the Mall” means—

7 (1) the land designated as “Union Square”,
8 District of Columbia Reservation 6A;

9 (2) the land designated as the “Mall”, District
10 of Columbia Reservations 3, 4, 5, and 6;

11 (3) the land designated as the “Monument
12 Grounds”, District of Columbia Reservation 2; and

13 (4) the land designated as “West Potomac
14 Park”, District of Columbia Reservations 3, 3,
15 and 2.

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